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SHO COMICS

**Happy!**



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Carry That Weight



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# 17

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GET THE BIRTH OF A NEW PARTY!



...COMPLETELY  
HOPELESS!

SET 173.

**BIRTH OF A NEW PARTNER?!**











WHEN YOU  
SCREW UP,  
THERE'S A  
PENALTY.  
GUT IT?



GET OUTTA  
HERE AND GO  
CLEAN THE  
BATHROOMS!  
NOW!

Y-YES,  
SIR!



YOUR  
FINE IS  
2,000  
YEN.



...YES,  
SIR.



DAILY  
WAGE:  
4,000  
YEN...

FINE:  
2,000  
YEN...



4000  
4000















ONE PANEL



NOW!  
DOWN THE  
LINE!



SHE'S DONE  
A GOOD JOB  
GETTING AWAY  
IN A FIELD. IF  
NOTHING ELSE...

HEY,  
SPEED IT  
UP!

SHE'S  
QUICK...

ONE PANEL



HMM...

SHE BET  
KIKU'S REIN-  
STATEMENT ON  
LINNO'S CHAL-  
LENCE WITH  
CHONG...



I HEARD.  
SHE'S BET-  
TING AGAINST  
RYUGOSAKI,  
RIGHT?

DID YOU  
HEAR, FUDA-  
SUKI? ABOUT  
YOU KNOW  
WHO...?



HOWEVER,  
IT LOOKS LIKE  
OUR YOUNG  
CONQUEROR IS  
WORN OUT.

SHE  
HAPPILY LIT  
A FIRE UNDER  
OUR SENIOR LAST  
TIME, SO I HOPE  
THAT'S ALL  
THIS IS.



...ACCORDING  
TO IT DEFINI-  
TELY SEEMS  
LIKE LINNO.

COMING UP  
WITH A THING  
LIKE THAT  
DEFINITELY  
SEEMS LIKE  
THE MURDER,  
BUT...

ONE PANEL



OPF, NOOPY, NOOPY!

OPF, BLUNT!





IF I WERE  
A LITTLE YOUNGER,  
AND I HAD A DYNAMITE  
LADY LIKE HER FOR A  
PARTNER, I'D LET HER  
DO WHATEVER SHE  
WANTED TO ME...



I GUESS  
THOSE GUYS  
JUST CAN'T STOP  
HER FIGHTING  
SPIRIT WHEN IT'S  
OUT IN FRONT  
LIKE THAT...



17C, 19A



But her  
mind's  
empty!  
♪

She's got  
a beautiful  
cheek!  
♪



Oh, oh, oh! ♪

It's go! ♪  
It's go! ♪  
It's go! ♪  
I'm go! ♪













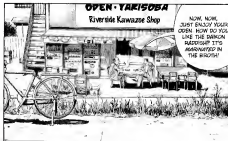
IT'S  
YOUR FEE. TO BE  
CHOKO'S HITTING  
PARTNER.



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Riverside Kawazoe Shop

A MAN-  
HUNT?!





OH! YOU'LL  
JUST THROW  
MONEY AT IT TILL  
SHE GETS A GOOD  
ONE, RIGHT?



YOU'RE  
THE ONE  
WITH THE  
BAD REPUT

BABY-  
CHANS GOT  
A BAD REPU-  
TATION. WE  
HAVEN'T HAD  
ANY RES-  
PONDERS



A HITTING  
PARTNER FOR  
BABY-CHAN, AND  
A DECENT ONE.



YEAH?



THERE'S A  
GREAT PARTNER,  
WHO'S RIGHT NEAR  
HERE. THAT WON'T  
COST US A BUNDLE.



...



NOT FOR  
A MATCH.

FOR  
YOU DON'T  
WANNA USE  
THAT GUTLESS  
CONARD.



YOUNG  
MASTER  
KEIICHIRO.



THE MENTAL  
STRESS, AND  
THE INTENSE  
PRESSURE ON  
THE BRIGGLES  
ARE TOO MUCH  
FOR A SUPER  
WEAK, OUTLETS  
COWARD LIKE  
HIM.

SURE, THE  
YOUNG MAN  
HAS A HEART  
OF GLASS IN  
A MATCH.



AND



...AS A  
HITTING  
PARTNER,  
THAT IS...

BUT  
LIKE I SAID,  
THERE'S NO  
MISTAKING  
THAT HE'S  
TOP NOTCH...



ANYWAY,  
THE BASTARD  
WENT INTO HIDING  
AGAIN! ... LEAVE  
HER ALONE!



I HEARD  
ABOUT THAT  
FROM MADAM  
ONTORI.

I WAS  
JUST AT  
THE STORE  
HE WORK-  
ED FOR ...



...



HMM...



IN ORDER  
TO MAKE IT  
THROUGH THIS  
CARNAGE, WE  
NEED HIM...



AND, SHE'S  
AIMING FOR A MATCH  
WITH GUSSEN NIKOLIE,  
SINCE SHE'S GOTTA  
EARN ENOUGH FREE  
MONEY TO PAY OFF  
THE DEBT.

BABY-CHAMP'S  
CHALLENGE WITH  
CHOPD IS COMING  
UP, AND CHOPD'S  
REINSTATEMENT IS  
RIDING ON IT!



WOW, THE  
GREEN LOOKS  
DELICIOUS!

HAH!

HAH!

ACTU-  
ALLY...



ACTUALLY...  
HE MOVED, BUT  
HE DROPPED THING  
AT HIS OLD  
PLACE...



ONCE  
YOU'RE DONE,  
YOU CAN HAVE  
SOME OF THIS  
"TASTY CORN"

JUST THREE  
MORE LAPS,  
BABY-CHAMP!



WOO-  
HOO!

**MASS HOST RECRUITMENT!**

CORE CHALLENGE THE  
POTENTIALS OF YOUR  
HOPE AND DREAM!

**EXISCONT**

**ODEN!  
ODEN!**

**SET 175.**

**GET YOUR RACKET**

Number 106  
is starting  
their surprise  
jackpot  
round!

# PACHINKO

EPH. CLACK. RINGING CLACK!



Big bucks  
today, big  
bucks!



















ONE SECOND



I'M  
SO TIRED...



EVERY-  
BODY'S  
STILL AT  
SCHOOL...?

AKAI... IS  
KATASUKE-  
SAN OUT?



MEOW



I HAVE TO  
GET DINNER  
READY...



MEOW





1000



**DATE PAID TO DATE**









YOU'RE  
STANDING  
ON THE  
COURT.



HUH?



GET YOUR  
RACKET



OH, COME ON!  
YOU JUST GOT HERE,  
DON'T ACT ALL STIFF!  
LET'S GET SOME TEA,  
SOME TEA!



OH, OKAY, I'VE  
GOT IT















**MMM!**

**SET 176.**

**HASHED BEEF RICE AND RAIN**





















**THIS IS  
MY TOKYO  
APARTMENT!**

SP-CLARE



**IT'S A BIT  
BIG FOR THE  
SINGLE LIFE,  
DON'T YOU  
THINK?**



**BUT THE  
BATH IS SO  
HUGE, IT'S  
INCREDIBLE!**

**I THINK  
TWO PEOPLE  
WOULD FIT  
HERE JUST  
FINE!**



**I RARELY  
EVER EVEN  
NEAR THE  
KITCHEN...**



OPC. 1000P



OPC. 1000P



'FARROW,  
WITH A BED  
TARDY DED...





BYE.

AH!  
W-W-W-  
WIT...

I'VE GOT A  
RESERVATION  
AT A NEARBY  
BUSINESS  
HOTEL.



PLAYERS  
AND THEIR  
BITTING PART-  
NERS NEED TO  
BE VERY INTI-  
MATE!



DON'T  
BE SUCH A  
STUPID!



TODAY'S  
TRAINING WILL  
BE AT 3:00, IN  
THE HITOTSUBASHI  
TENNIS CLUB'S  
INDOOR COURT.



NOW THEN,  
SIT YOUR BUTT  
RIGHT AHEAD! ♡







A FORE  
NOW!  
FORE!

TOO  
SLOW!

SFX: RING, RING



THIS IS  
A BACK!

YOU  
NEED TO  
HUSTLE  
MORE!

SFX: RING!



YOU  
THINK YOU  
CAN MAKE  
THE SHOT  
WITH THAT  
KIND OF  
FORCE?

KEEP  
YOUR  
KNEES  
STRAIGHT  
WHILE  
YOU'RE  
HITTING A  
POINT!

GET IT?  
WHAT  
DO YOU  
THINK  
YOU'RE  
DOING?



OOH!



AH,  
GEEZ!

SFX: THUD









I DON'T  
THINK THIS IS  
WHAT I WAS  
EMPLOYED BY  
THE RYUGASAKI  
FAMILY FOR.



**SET 177.**

**WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!**



SPX JUMP







DOPE BLUES



IF WE BOTH  
GET IN TO-  
GETHER,  
IT'LL FEEL  
GREAT!  
♡

I RE-  
SERVED  
THE COURT  
TODAY, SO  
THERE'S NO-  
BODY ELSE  
HERE!















SHUN OHSUGA

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Happy! 17





# ゴミ容器集積所

ゴミの収集日

普通ゴミ

毎週月曜日、水曜日、金曜日



分別ゴミ

毎週火曜日、木曜日、土曜日



ゴミの分別は、環境をきれいにするためにとても大切なことです。

H...  
HEY...!

WAIT...!

毎週月曜日、水曜日、金曜日



COLLAPSING  
IN FRONT OF  
PEOPLE'S  
HOUSES...

ALL  
OF THIS  
FOUGHT-  
ING...



STOP  
IT...!



I'LL  
SCREAM!

LET ME  
GO!



AND  
STUFF LIKE  
THAT!



HEH...?



HAHA!

GET IT?  
PLAY  
YOUR  
HEART  
OUT

LEMME  
STAY LIKE  
THIS JUST A  
LITTLE BIT  
LONGER...

SET 178.  
**PLAY YOUR HEART OUT**

















SOME-  
HOW, I  
GOTTA...



OPK BATTLE BANG!

OPK FOLLOWS ENTERPRISES, INC.



HOW'D  
ABOUT I GIVE  
YA A LITTLE  
SOMETHING THEN  
YOU'LL REALLY  
BE A GUEST!



EEEEEE!



BUT YA  
GOT ENOUGH  
YA BE HANGING  
DOWN AT SOME  
SUGANO GUY  
BART LATELY,  
STRAITEN' YOUR  
STUFF, YA  
BASTARD!

I CA-  
I C-C-C-  
CAN'T GIVE  
BACK WHAT  
I DONT  
HAGAVE!



IF I DONT  
SEE SOME MORE,  
I'M GONNA START  
CROAKIN'!  
GOT IT!

TH-THIS  
IS ALL I HAVE  
ON ME RIGHT  
NOW!





IF YA  
DON'T OPEN IT,  
I'M GONNA GET  
SOME DYNAMITE AND  
BLOW THE DAMN  
THING OPEN!



バ  
ン

GETTAKE  
EVERYTHING  
IN THIS  
GODDAMN  
SAFE!

SPE. PAGE 1



SPE. PAGE 2



GET  
UP!

バ  
ン  
OOH!



HOODOO!  
COME ON!

SPE. PAGE 3



GOSH!  
LET'S  
TAKE A  
BREAK!



10% HADDO



FOR AS  
MUCH AS I'M  
GETTING PAID,  
YOU HAVE TO  
GET BETTER!



IT'S FINE!  
I'M GOOD  
ENOUGH AL-  
READY!

10% HADDO

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HELL...  
WHATEVER.



GO! PLAY  
YOUR HEART  
OUT!

SEUL TOKYO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



I'LL  
HAVE A  
KANGA-  
ROO!

GET ME  
SOME AUSTRIAN  
BEEF!

I WANT  
A KOREA  
DOLL!



WE'RE  
HERE TO  
CHEER HER  
ON, SO TRY  
CHEERING!

WOW, ALL  
YOU THINGS  
THINK ABOUT  
IS SOUVEN-  
IRS!



PLAY  
YOUR HEART  
OUT...





OKAY,  
EVERYONE.  
I'LL SEE YOU  
LATER!

ALL RIGHT,  
BABY-CHAN.  
THE MIDSUMMER  
OF AUSTRALIA  
AWAYS!



GURE!

I'LL TAKE SOMETHING FROM DICK, MADE WITH SPRING WATER. IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT, I'M NOT PARTICULAR JUST REMEMBER, DICK IT'S GOTTA BE DICK!



PLAY  
YOUR HEART  
OUT...

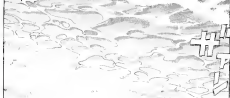
SPX STYL



DON'T  
FORGET ABOUT  
THE GOUGE-  
AWARDS!

WHEN YOU  
PLAY TENNIS,  
PLAY YOUR GOD-  
DAMN HEART  
OUT!

SPX STYL



OFF FROGGH

IT'S  
WINTER IN  
JAPAN, HON'T  
IT? I HOPE  
YOU HAVEN'T  
CAUGHT A  
COLD.

KEIICHIRO-  
SUN, HOW  
HAVE YOU  
BEEN?



OFF FROGGH SPEAK

HERE IN  
AUSTRALIA,  
SUMMER IS  
IN FULL  
BLOOM.

IN THE  
GLITTERING  
LIGHT OF  
THE SUN,  
I... I...



GET 579.  
BENTEN-  
BAGU  
HINAG  
EMBOO-  
RASS-  
MENT



...I'VE  
BEEN QUITE  
WELL.



"I'M MY OWN  
GIRL. I DON'T  
NEED YOU..."  
EVERY DAY I  
THOUGHT THAT,  
AND EVERY DAY  
THE TEARS  
CAME...

"I HATE  
YOU, KID-  
ICHIRO..."

TO THINK  
HALF A  
YEAR HAS  
PASSED  
SINCE I  
CAME HERE  
TO HEAL  
MY HEART-  
BREAK...



I'VE BEEN  
LEARNING  
FROM NATURE  
HERE IN AUSTRALIA.

BUT AFTER  
I GOT A TINY  
BIT OF SUN-  
BURN, I GOT  
JUST A LITTLE  
BIT STRONGER.



EEK!

I DON'T WANT TO  
RUN AWAY  
ANY MORE.



HOW TO  
WIN AT  
LOVE.

PG. 18



I WON'T  
LOSE TO  
ANYONE FOR  
YOUR LOVE,  
KICHIRO  
-SAN.



EVEN IF  
THERE ARE  
BARRIERS  
BETWEEN  
US...

EVEN IF  
SOMETHING  
WERE TO  
HAPPEN, I  
WOULDN'T  
WANT TO  
RUN AWAY  
AGAIN.



I'LL  
BE RE-  
TURNING  
TO JAPAN  
SHORTLY.

EVEN IF  
LIVING MIGHT  
BE BETTER...



SHE TOLD THEM

EVEN IF  
WE HAVE  
TO FACE  
ARMY  
MAD-  
GIRL.



SHE TOLD THEM

WHA-  
NO...



SHE TOLD THEM



SHE TOLD THEM

SET 179.

**BENTENBASHI HINA'S  
EMBARRASSMENT**



ONE PAGE



TWO PAGES









I HEARD  
SHE MADE IT  
THROUGH THE  
QUARTER AND  
SEMI-FINALS.

YOU MIGHT  
NOT KNOW ABOUT  
THEM, BUT SHE  
WAS IN TWO MAJOR  
TOURNAMENTS: THE  
KORT CUP, AND THE  
KIDALA CUP.



**CHOKO  
WINNER**

I WON  
THE TAGAMA  
OLD CUP!



OH, NOT  
SO SHE'S  
REALLY  
HERE?!

WELL,  
I'M HERE,  
TOO.



I RENTED  
THIS HOUSE FOR  
THE TOURNAMENTS,  
BUT IT'S THE ONLY  
PLACE I CAN SPEND  
ANY PRIVATE TIME  
AROUND HERE.

IT'S FINE,  
HINA-SAN,  
YOU'RE MY  
FRIEND.



THANKS TO  
THE FACT THAT  
THE AUSTRALIAN  
OPEN IS FINALLY  
ABOUT TO START,  
I HAVEN'T BEEN  
ABLE TO CONCENTRATE  
FOR MY IN-  
TERVIEWS AT  
ALL.



I'M SORRY  
FOR INTERRUPTING.  
CHOKO-SAN, I  
CAN SEE HOW  
BUSY YOU ARE.











EVERY  
ONCE IN A  
WHILE...



HEEET...



STARTING  
WITH QUEEN  
MELIC, AND  
THE OVERWHELM-  
ING FORCE OF  
ZALINS, YOU'RE  
GOING TO BE  
SHOWING YOUR  
FIGHTING SPIRIT  
OFF TO THE  
WORLD'S TOP  
PLAYERS!

HURRY UP  
AND GET  
READY.



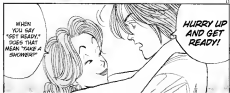
TRY TO  
IMAGINE IT.  
THE SUN'S  
HIGH IN THE  
SKY, AND  
WE'RE IN  
MY BED-  
ROOM...



THE RAYS OF  
LIGHT SPILL IN  
FROM BETWEEN  
THE CURTAINS,  
ILLUMINATING MY  
SWEET, FAIR  
SKIN...



...WE  
SHOULD  
SPEND ALL  
AFTERNOON  
IN BED, DON'T  
YOU THINK?



WHEN YOU SAY  
"GET READY,"  
DOES THAT  
MEAN "TAKE A  
SHOWER?"

HURRY UP  
AND GET  
READY!















MADAM!  
MADAM! MADA-  
AAAAAAM!  
THIS IS VERY  
SERIOUS

TOKYO, ONTARIO  
RESIDENCE....



OH, NO!  
H-HAS SOME-  
THING HAPPENED  
TO JOHN  
TRAVOLTA...?

Y-YES,  
WELL, THIS  
IS...



WHY  
ARE YOU  
BEING SO  
NOISY??



N-NO,  
GMA, THIS IS  
ABOUT THE  
AUSTRALIAN  
OPEN...

OOOH!  
POOR JOHN  
TRAVOLTA?



ARGH! I TOLD  
YOU TO HURRY UP  
AND FIND HIM! SINCE  
KECHING ASSOCIATED  
WITH HIM, HIS WHERE-  
ABOUTS HAVE BEEN  
UNKNOWN...

N... NO,  
THIS IS A  
PAX FR...



AUSTRALIA-  
LUM...?



SET 180. CONFESSION

3. RACK, VERONIKA GER  
 4. BRADTKE, SANDRA AUS  
 1. RYUGASAKI, CHOKO JPN  
 2. UMINO, MIYUKI JPN  
 3. MAMAS, ILENE  
 4. COLLINS, JANE  
 5. GRANDE, JORIE

*RYUGASAKI  
 CHOKO VERSUS  
 UMINO MIYUKI!*



Y-YES, THE  
 FIRST MATCH OF  
 THE AUSTRALIAN  
 OPEN WILL BE...  
 LOOK!



PRINCE?  
 IT IS THE  
 WILL OF  
 GOD.



WHEN  
 RYUGASAKI IS  
 WASHING KIKU  
 KIMURA'S HEAD-  
 SETTING ON  
 THE MATCH...

IT MAY  
 HAVE BEEN  
 DECIDED BY  
 LOT, BUT IT'S  
 ALMOST AS IF  
 FATE IS PLAY-  
 ING A PRANK.



HOW-  
 EVER, ONCE  
 SHE STANDS  
 UPON THE  
 COURT...



...GOD  
WILL NOT  
PROTECT  
HER.

**SET 180.**  
**CONFESSION**



WFL 00001









IF YOU  
RUN AWAY  
NOW, YOU'LL  
PROVE YOU  
HAVEN'T  
CHANGED  
AT ALL...



I'M FED  
UP WITH  
YOU...



I'M SICK  
OF IT! I'M SICK  
OF YOU, AND I..  
I DON'T WANT  
TO HEAR IT!



THAT'S  
ENOUGH!



MOOOOMMMMMMMMM!



IF MOMMY SAYS IT,  
THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT.

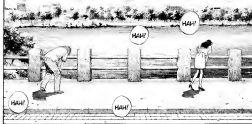


Gaston Katsukawa  
has cramped up,  
and collapsed!

YOU CAN'T BE A  
PROFESSIONAL  
TENNIS PLAYER.











...I WASN'T  
THE KIND OF  
MAN WHO COULD  
BE HELPFUL TO  
LIVING MYUKI...



I STARTED  
RENTING AN  
APARTMENT  
AND LIVING  
ALONE, WORK-  
ING AT A  
CONVENIENCE  
STORE...



AFTER  
I LEFT HOME,  
I THOUGHT I  
COULD HELP  
HER BY MY-  
SELF...



BUT, I  
DIDN'T HAVE  
THE KNACK  
FOR IT...

I STARTED  
WORKING AT  
A HOST CLUB,  
AFTER HEARING  
HOW YOU COULD  
MAKE A DECENT  
SALARY THERE.



I DIDN'T  
HAVE A KNACK  
FOR ANYTHING  
AT ALL...

NOTHING  
WORKED  
FOR ME...

SO,  
I... I...



...BUT I WAS  
ONLY MAKING  
800 YEN AN  
HOUR, AND I  
COULDN'T DO  
ANYTHING  
WITH THAT...

I LEARNED  
A LOT ABOUT  
THE WORLD  
THERE...













HAVING BAD LUCK  
OF THE DRAW, AND FACING  
A FELLOW JAPANESE PERSON  
IN SUCH A LARGE WORLD  
TOURNAMENT... IS THAT A  
BIG DEAL AT ALL...?

I'M SIMPLY  
AN AMATEUR, AND  
DON'T TOTALLY  
UNDERSTAND  
TEAMS, BUT...

IT'S  
JUST...



HUH...?





HACK, VERONICA  
BRADTKE, SANDRA  
1. RYUGASAKI, CHOKO  
42. UMINO, MIYUKI  
43. MAMAS, ILENE  
44. SOMMIS, JAMIE  
15. FAN, KURIAN  
45. SOMMIS, JAMIE





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 45. GRANDE, ADRI  
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SPX THUNDER



SPX RIGHT

SPX RIGHT





I STARTED  
YOUNGER THAN  
ALL OF YOU!

SET 181.  
**MAJOR BAGGAGE**









WHY?

I ALREADY  
CROSSED THAT  
DAMN BRIDGE.  
JUST FOR THAT  
STUPID GIRL...



AND BUS-  
INESS IS  
BOOMING.

OK, SHUT UP!



WELL, YOU  
NEVER CHANGE.  
ANYER DEET  
COLLECTOR...



YOU  
HAPPY FOR  
HERET



OH,  
NOTHING.



...TENNIS  
IS TENNIS.

WHETHER  
YOU'RE IN A  
GLUT-THROAT  
COMPETITION,  
OR TEACHING  
KIDS LIKE  
THESE...



...



IT'S  
NOT SO  
BAD.



ABOUT  
REIN...?

THE WAY  
YOU'RE TALKING  
SUCH NONSENSE,  
I'M SURE YOU  
GOT NO IDEA...



I'D  
LIKE TO  
HEAR IT.



A...  
NOT...?



OLD  
LADY OHTORI  
MADE A GOD-  
DAMN BET WITH  
RYUGASAKI  
ABOUT IT.



ABOUT  
YOUR REIN-  
STATEMENT.



MY RE-  
STATE-  
MENT...?



... AND THAT  
SLOT OF AN OLD  
BRODY HAD TO GO  
AND DUMP SOME  
MAJOR BAGGAGE  
ON TOP.

SHE'S GOT  
THAT HUGE DEBT  
ALREADY WEIGHING  
HER DOWN, BUT  
SHE STILL KEEPS  
ON FIGHTING...



WITHIN AWAY  
YOUR ASSAULT  
CASE, AND REINSTAT-  
ING YOUR PRO-  
FESSIONAL  
LICENSE.



BUT ONLY IF  
IWANO WINS HER  
MATCH AGAINST  
CHOKO.





YOU  
KNOW WHAT  
I'M TALKING ABOUT!  
HOW IS UMINO-SAN  
SUPPOSED TO PLAY  
TENNIS, WITH ALL  
THOSE THOUGHTS  
IN HER HEAD?!

WHAT A  
FREAKING  
LOOK YOU'VE  
GOT ON Y...



PLEASE,  
CALL OFF  
THE FOOL-  
ISH BET!

YOU KNEW  
ABOUT ALL OF IT,  
BUT YOU STILL PUT  
MORE BAGGAGE ON  
HER SHOULDERS!



PLEASE,  
CALL IT OFF!  
**RIGHT  
NOW!**

THE ASSAULT  
CASE IS MY PRO-  
BLEM! UMINO-SAN  
HAS NOTHING TO  
DO WITH IT!



HAHA...



THIS  
PROBLEM  
IS MINE,  
AND MINE  
ALONE...

SHE'S GOT  
NOTHING TO  
DO WITH IT...  
LIVING-DEAN HAS  
ABSOLUTELY  
NOTHING TO  
DO WITH IT!



YOU'RE  
USUALLY SO  
LEVEL-HEADED,  
KAGU. THE FACT  
THAT YOU'D GET SO  
WORKED UP OVER  
LIVING REYU...



HOW DO YOU  
THINK THAT IS?  
PERHAPS THE  
LIVING-DEAN  
GIRL IS...



WELL...?



IT IS NOT  
SIMPLY YOUR  
PROBLEM.



THIS LITTLE  
BETTING PROJECTIONS  
OVER YOU. DIDN'T  
YOU WONDER WHY  
IT WAS DONE?

YOUR SPONSOR  
IS ONE OF THE OXTON  
GROUP'S UNDERLYING  
COMPANIES, PHOENIX  
SPORTS...















GEEKO-  
CHIN, IT'S  
ALMOST  
TIME FOR  
YOUR FIRST  
MATCH

IS LINDA  
EVEN GOOD  
ENOUGH TO  
BE YOUR O-  
PPONENT?



YOO-  
HOOOOO!  
♡



I HOPE  
YOU'RE  
LOOKING  
FORWARD  
TO IT!

TH...  
THE LOW-  
CUT PINK  
DRESS!



BOY, IF  
SHE CAN  
RELAXIN'  
HER HEART  
OUT, SHE'



FOR TODAY,  
SHOULD I WEAR  
THE FLOWER-  
PATTERNED  
DRESS? OR THE  
LOW-CUT, PINK  
ONE?

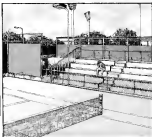
I'M JUST  
FOCUSED  
ON THE  
PROBLEM  
AT HAND.



SPE. SOUND



SPE. SOUND







NATIONAL  
TENNIS CENTER,  
MELBOURNE.....

**WHO  
DO YOU  
THINK I  
AM?!**



IF YOU  
DON'T HAVE  
AN ID CARD,  
YOU'LL NEED  
TO LINE UP  
OVER THERE  
AND BUY A  
TICKET!

I'M THE NUMBER  
ONE COACH IN THE  
WORLD, THEREFORE  
MISHEARMENT NOW,  
LEAVE IN, ALREADY!



WELL,  
THEN,  
JUST  
SHOW  
ME...

THE  
NUMBER ONE  
COACH SHOULDN'T  
HAVE TO GET IN  
LINE WITH ANY-  
ONE!



FINALLY,  
SOMEBODY  
WHO KNOWS  
WHAT KINDS  
MAN I AM?

I JUST TRIED  
TO CONTACT YOUR  
FRIEND, THE PRES-  
IDENT OF THE U.S.  
TENNIS ASSOCIATION,  
MR. GARRINGTON,  
ABOUT YOU.



GET  
182-  
FOR  
OKSOL  
-SAN



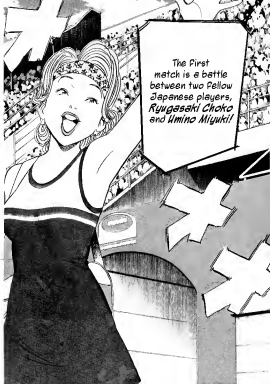
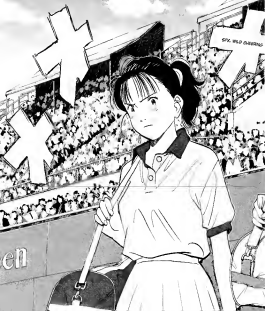




ONE DRAWING



SET 182.  
**FOR OKIKU-SAN**



The first  
match is a battle  
between two fellow  
Japanese players,  
*Ryugasaki Choko*  
and *Umino Miyuki*!

And here they are again, meeting at one of the Four Majors, the Australian Open!

If you'll recall, these two fought in the Finals of Tokyo's Cinderella Cup last year!

SPL. CHORON

She's fresh off a win in the Tasmania Bold Cup! Let's hope she shows off that same fighting spirit in today's tournament, too!

As far as tennis fans are concerned, though, all the expectations are on Japan's ace, Ryuzaki Choko!

SPL. CHORON

AMADA CHOKO IS USING THIS MATCH TO HONOR OKIKU-GEN'S PROFESSIONAL LICENSE WITH YOUR MOTHER...

WHAT WAS THAT?

CHOKU-GEN...

SPL. CHORON

YOU'RE NOT PROGRESSING THE ABUSUAL CASE AGAINST CHOKU-GEN, ARE YOU?

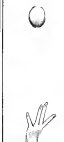














THAT'S AN  
EFFECTIVE  
STRATEGY.

IF SHE  
COULD KEEP  
RALLYING AND  
RALLYING, BABY-  
CHAIN WOULD BE  
ABLE TO BEAT OUT  
A WIN...

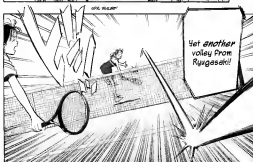


SPG CLARY



YOU'RE  
A PRETTY  
DECENT  
COACH.

THAT'S  
GREAT.



SPG HENRY

Yet another  
volley from  
Ryugasaki!



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FOR  
OKIKU-  
SAN...

EPIC CLAP



DON'T  
THINK  
ABOUT  
ALL THAT  
STUFF STUFF...

AMINO-  
SAN...



TOKYO...

EPIC POWER!



OH...

HEY, YOU  
MIGGED!

EPIC POWER! 10



EVEN IF YOU'RE  
DOING IT FOR ME,  
DON'T THINK  
ABOUT IT DURING  
THE MATCH..!





...She  
hits it  
from a  
great  
angle...!



But  
Ryuga-  
saki...

OFF WOUND



My  
good-  
ness!  
Living's  
chasing  
after  
that!



OFF FLOOR-BO

17



**WOW!**  
It's *RIGHT*  
on the line!



It... it's now  
a deuce with  
that break  
back! This  
time, it was  
*Limino's*  
break!

*Game,  
Limino!*

HOLY  
GOW!



HAH!

HAH!

HAH!

With sudden  
serves broken  
from the two of  
them, we're now  
at 1-1! This could  
be a *turbulent*  
match, folks!

PA  
PA



GET  
183.  
GRAPE  
FRUIT



SURE  
IS HOT,  
EH?







GPX RAMP



THAT'S  
RIGHT,  
I BET NO-  
BODY TOLD  
YOU, HAD?



BARY-  
CHAN'S  
MATCH  
AGAINST  
CHOKO...

GPX VENUE



SHE'S  
FIGHTING  
FOR THE  
SAKE OF  
CHIKU.



SFX. BANG!!!



SFX. BANG!!!





YOU  
WANT A  
BUNNIE?



OH  
MY GOD,  
I...



NOW,  
THERE'S  
NO NEED  
TO STAND  
SHROUIN'.



THAT'S  
WHY NOW  
COULDN'T  
GO ON THE  
COURT.

IF THE  
WORLD KNEW  
OUT THAT THE  
POLICE MASTER  
OF THE CHINESE  
FAMILY WAS  
CONSIDERED THE  
POLICE MASTER  
OF THE SYNDI-  
CATE, THERE'D  
BE A HUGE  
UPROAR.



AMT  
HUNGRY?  
WELL, THEN,  
DON'T MIND  
IF I DO.

OH MY  
GOD...!



WE'RE  
BOTH GOA-  
CHES WITH  
SOMETHING TO  
HIDE NOW. SHY  
OFNAIL HAVE,  
HANY?



...AND I GOT  
MYSELF A  
LIFETIME BAN  
FROM TEANG,  
THAT'S WHY I  
COULDN'T GET  
IN THERE.





SPE. HAAA!



ALL RIGHT,  
THAT'S ENOUGH  
FOR TODAY!

TOMYOG...



YAY!  
THANKS!  
WE'LL SEE  
YOU TOMOR-  
ROW!

TRY  
NOT TO  
CATCH A  
COLD!

YOU  
SURE HAVET  
AND IF YOU  
KEEP WORKING  
AT IT AN AGOOD  
AS YOU CAN,  
YOU'LL BE A  
GREAT PLAYER  
ONE DAY!

HAVE I  
GOTTEN ANY  
BETTER?

LATER!













BLOCK OUT  
ALL THE EXTRA  
STUFF, AND JUST  
CONCENTRATE ON  
THE GRAPEFRUIT..



...AND THE  
GRAPEFRUIT  
BECOMES  
A BALL.



THE BEST,  
HER BROTHERS  
AND SISTER, HER  
FRIENDS, AND HER  
SWEETHEART. SHE  
STARTED THE MATCH  
SADDLED WITH ALL  
OF THOSE THINGS.



BUT,  
STILL...



A PROFESSIONAL  
PLAYER HAS ALL  
KINDS OF PRES-  
SURE LOOKING.

THE PRIZE  
MONEY, THE  
RANCHING, AND  
THE SPON-  
SORS...

...AND THE  
GRAPEFRUIT  
BECOMES A  
BALL.

IF YOU  
JUST CONCEN-  
TRATE ON THE  
TENNIS, ALL OF  
THOSE OTHER  
THINGS VAN-  
ISH...

NOT  
YET...

DO  
YOU MEAN  
LIMITED...?!

YOU  
STILL DON'T  
GET IT..

ONE MORE





WAP! CLATTER



POW! CLATTER



WAP! CLATTER





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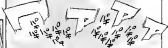








ONE  
WAY OR  
ANOTHER...



IT LOOKS  
LIKE THE  
MATCH IS  
OVER.



ONE. JAWABU

WELL,  
THEN...



GET SOME  
LEFT'S PRACTICE

IF THE  
MATCH WAS  
OVER THAT  
QUICK...





Ryugasaki  
Choko easily  
defeats Umino  
Miyuki, and ad-  
vances to the  
second round!

PREMIUM SE  
4400 M.UMINO  
6600 C.RYUGASAKI

A win in  
straight sets!

APPL. CHEERING



UMI-  
NO...





**SET 184.**

**LET'S PRACTICE**









LONG WIND BLOWING





















SFX: WHUMP



SFX: CLASH



SFX: THUNDER

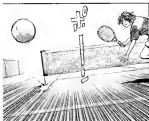


SFX: BANG





SPK LEAP



SPK POLARIS



SPK TAIL PUMP UP



NICE  
SHOT!



IT'S MY  
THAT WAS  
ON THE  
LINE!

...UMINO  
SMILED.



AND,  
JUST LIKE  
THE OLD  
DAYS...



BUT,  
JUST LIKE  
SHE  
USED  
TO...



SHE  
WASN'T  
EVEN  
THINKING  
ABOUT  
TENNIS...



...UMINO  
SMILED.



GODDAMN, I'VE  
GOT SOMETHING  
IN MY  
EYES...



HAPPY!  
VOLUME  
17  
-END-

